

DIE THERAPIE AN DEN BONNER UNIVERSITÄTSKLINIKEN. By PROF. DR. RUDOLF FINKELNBURG, in Bonn; Dritte, vermehrte, Auflage, Bonn. A. Marcus & E. Weber's Verlag.

This paper-bound volume is one of the many German works now rapidly coming to this country after the war. It presents the therapeutic methods used in the clinics at the University of Bonn. Every phase of medicine is covered in a brief, somewhat outlined style. The preface promises in this third edition the inclusion of methods consequent upon war experience as they have been found useful at Bonn.

A rather careful search gives one the impression that the Allied advance in therapeutics has been a much more extensive one than that of the Germans. The therapeutic sheet anchor for the German internist, as it seems to be for all European physicians, remains in the natural springs and their waters. Much is promised for the various cures. Many of the newer synthetic preparations are used and advocated in various conditions. Treatment is for the most part along conservative lines. Many of the newer proved practices in this country are not included. Perhaps they have not filtered in with those Bonn clinics.

This volume still continues to show the pre-war spirit of German medicine, a spirit that never decided anything to be worth while unless it was of Teutonic origin. American medicine when it appeared on the Allied fronts, even though it began with almost a three-year handicap, suffered nothing by way of comparison with medicine of Europe.

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THE PRINCIPLES OF THERAPEUTICS. By OLIVER T. OSBORNE, M.A., M.D., Professor of Therapeutics, Department of Medicine, Yale University. Pp. 881. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1921.

WHEN the reviewer prepared to review this volume, he anticipated a profitable but rather uninteresting evening. To sit down and go over carefully a book on therapeutics, does not seem altogether the most agreeable method of passing one's leisure hours. To read over the action of drugs, some of which are never used and rarely heard of, and to look over pharmaceutical data, does not seem particularly interesting. But, on the contrary, only the first few pages of this book were scanned when the reviewer became intensely interested, and before he knew it the hour was late and the book had been reviewed partially in the rapidly fleeting hours. The reviewer does not know when he has studied such an interesting, well-written book.

While upon a rather trying subject the material is presented in an extremely individualistic style, which stamps the author not only as one well able to impart what he knows, but also marks him as a man of good common sense, and incidentally one very much of a philosopher.

Osborne has divided his book into fifteen parts. These fifteen parts contain not only a thorough discussion of valuable and useful drugs, vaccines and serums, practical therapeutic measures, treatment of emergencies and various other related studies, but he also has a section on practical advice to young physicians, medical ethics, and related subjects.

The reviewer has sung the praises of the book sufficiently to indicate how much he has appreciated it. A word of criticism may possibly be not amiss. In a book which is for the greater part filled with such clean, clear-cut, definite instruction and advice it does not seem rational for the author to have spent so much time and to have given so much space to the hazy endocrines, nor to have suggested quite so frequently the use of a drug, calcium, about the pharmaceutical action of which we know relatively little.

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A PRIMER FOR DIABETIC PATIENTS. By RUSSELL M. WILDER, Ph.D., M.D., MARY A. FOLEY, Dietitian, DAISY ELLITHORPE, Dietitian. Pp. 76; W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London, 1921.

This little book is a brief outline of the principles underlying the dietary treatment of diabetes. It emulates in spirit the somewhat larger and therefore more detailed *Diabetic Manual* of Joslin. The word "primer" is a very apt and relatively descriptive term as applied to this volume. It should be another book "to help make the home safe for the diabetic."

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HORDER'S MEDICAL NOTES. By SIR THOMAS HORDER, M.D. (LOND.), F.R.C.P. (LOND.), Physician with Charge of Out-patients to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. London: Henry Frowde Oxford University Press: Hodder & Stoughton, 20 Warwick Square, E. C. 4.

This small book of one hundred and eleven pages is a very unusual little volume. It is a collection of remarks let fall by the author in the out-patient room and in the wards of old St. Bartholomew's Hospital. These remarks are for the most part brief notes; some of them trite; some of them dogmatic; yet all of them are golden and intensely stimulating.

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